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## Pheasants Forever Receives Grant from Nebraska Environmental Trust

Nelson, NE – June 29, 2018 – Pheasants Forever announces that it will receive \$30,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for a No-till Grass Drill in Dodge County. The Trust Board announced funding for the drill at its meeting this spring in Lincoln. The project is one of the 105 projects receiving \$18,301,819 in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this year. Of these, 66 were new applications and 39 are carryover projects.

The no-till drill will be used by landowners in Dodge County and surrounding counties to establish wildlife habitat. Currently, there are few no-till drills available in the area and those that are available are owned and rented out by private businesses. A no-till grass drill made available to interested landowners will increase both the quantity and quality of wildlife habitat established. Significant increases in wildlife habitat plantings in the area through programs like: Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, Corners for Wildlife, the Berggren Pheasant Plan, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, etc., have greatly increased the need for this type of specialized equipment.

Matching NET moneys with that of the Dodge County Pheasants Forever chapter will facilitate the purchase of the no-till drill. Dennis Stumpe of Scribner, NE will oversee the operation, maintenance, and rental of the drill. The drill will be available for any landowner in the area to use at a nominal fee. A no-till grass drill is necessary when planting high quality diverse seed mixes benefitting pheasants, quail, and pollinators.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$289 million in grants to over 2,000 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses – can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations.

For more information, visit our website at [www.NebraskaPF.com](http://www.NebraskaPF.com) or email our Habitat Partnerships Specialist, Mary Noble, [mnoble@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:mnoble@pheasantsforever.org).

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 149,000 members and 725 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent; the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent \$784 million on 530,000 habitat projects benefiting 17 million acres nationwide.

***Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs.***